

First Aid Course

On the 22nd March, Positive Parent Action hosted a fantastic **Paediatric First Aid Course** at the beautiful Kairos Centre in Roehampton followed by a delicious two course lunch!

Presented by Caroline from DAISY FIRST AID (www.daisyfirstaid.com), it was a two-hour workshop which was simple, practical and informative.

Caroline was really amazing and very patient with all the parent/carers who attended.

Everybody learnt the 5 steps of DR123:

- 1 Danger
- 2 Response
- 3 Airway
- 4 Breathing
- 5 Circulation



Firstly on the plastic props then more importantly on each other! Also, putting each other in the recovery position.

We were told why different techniques are used for babies under one, children/young people and adults.

Caroline explained how to spot the signs of meningitis and gave everyone an information card to take home.

The session went on, **HOW TO MANAGE:**

- ❖ Head Injuries followed by:
- ❖ Choking
- ❖ Broken bones
- ❖ Seizures
- ❖ Cuts/bleeding
- ❖ Burns
- ❖ Allergic reaction
- ❖ Poisoning



Everyone agreed this was an amazing course and we all learned a lot about keeping the people around us safe.

If you were unable to attend this course don't worry, due to the success of this one we will be holding another one in the near future.

If you are interested in attending any of our fantastic workshops and/or you were unaware we were running this one, please give us your email address to add to our database. We will be emailing out a monthly e-bulletin with updates, meeting dates and workshop/course opportunities!

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PPA ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE
 and **WE DO** NEED YOUR INPUT TOO!
PLEASE COME AND JOIN US

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Positive Parent Action

for disabled children and young people in Wandsworth

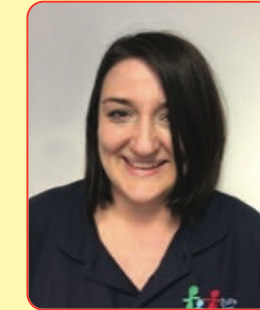


Welcome to the long awaited PPA 2017 newsletter!

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you and farewell to **Elizabeth Nassé** who left the PPA last summer.

I would also like to introduce myself, **Erica Spink**, as the very fortunate person to now be facilitating Positive Parent Action.

As an active member of the PPA for over four years, and a Wandsworth parent with a 15 year old son, and a 10 year old daughter having a diagnoses of Autism, ADHD and also learning difficulties, I have enjoyed meeting new parents, different professionals and being able to speak out about our family's experiences.



Erica Spink, our new Parent Participation Facilitator.

This has helped me to speak with the local authority and also to help improve processes and services for families in Wandsworth.

I am looking forward to meeting lots of new parent/carers in Wandsworth at our up and coming events, including:

- ❖ Workshops
- ❖ Coffee mornings
- ❖ Monthly meetings



Our monthly meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Early Year's Centre, 1 Siward Road, Earlsfield, London, SW17 0LA.

For more details please email me at: positiveparentaction@yahoo.co.uk or call me on: **020 8947 5260**

A QUICK REMINDER OF WHO PPA ARE

Positive Parent Action are Wandsworth's forum for parents and carers.

Our aim is to represent all families in the Borough who have a child or young person with a disability or special need. We meet every month during school term time and undertake activities that are aimed to enable parent/carers to make the most of local services.

Anyone with a child or young with a disability and or a special educational need are welcome to be part of our forum. Please remember, there is no commitment too big or small, all are welcome!

If you are interested in being a more active member of our forum, i.e. representing the PPA, by attending meetings with the Local Authority/Health etc, please do contact Erica.

YOUR PPA NEEDS YOU!

We need as many parent/carers in Wandsworth to join us!

We are trying our hardest to express the opinions and experiences of parents/carers with SEND children and young people within Wandsworth, but would love you to share more, or even attend important meetings with lead professionals in Education, Health and Social care.

It is a great opportunity to get you and your child/young person's voices heard.

Little Princess Trust®

Providing real hair wigs for children suffering with hair loss

We would like to acknowledge **Amy Manley**, who is one of our steering group members, and has generously donated her beautiful hair to The Little Princess Trust.

The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs free of charge to boys and girls across the UK and Ireland who have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses.

If you or somebody you know would like to do the same, please visit their website:

www.littleprincesses.org.uk

Our Journey So Far Event



LOCAL OFFER LIVE

PPA held this Conference Event jointly with the Local Authority SEND Reform, at the Wandsworth Civic Suite on 16th March 2017.

Discussions included: **The successes, The challenges and What the next steps need to be.** We also created a **Local Offer Live** – the information market, where guests could talk to informed people, pick up publications, sign up for a Wiki and discover new providers and services.

ORGANISATIONS ATTENDING LOCAL OFFER LIVE:

- ✳ Positive Parent Action (PPA)
- ✳ Contact a Family
- ✳ Wandsworth Information Advice & Support Service (WIASS)
- ✳ WAND and WAND+ Cards and Parent Champions
- ✳ Wandsworth's Wikis
- ✳ Wandsworth's Family Information Service (FIS)
- ✳ Transport for London (TfL)
- ✳ Generate
- ✳ Baked Bean Company
- ✳ BAKEDBEAN COMPANY (Education)
- ✳ Literacy and Numeracy Support Service (L&NSS)
- ✳ Healthwatch Wandsworth
- ✳ 0-25 Disabilities Team
- ✳ SEN Talk
- ✳ Early Years and Intervention Support Service (EYISS)
- ✳ Garratt Park Advisory Service (GPAS)
- ✳ Wandsworth Sensory Support Service (WSSS)
- ✳ Enhanced Children's Centre (ECC)
- ✳ Live Too
- ✳ Special Needs Assessment Section (SNAS)
- ✳ Schools and Community Psychology Service (SCPS)
- ✳ Children's Specialist Therapies
- ✳ Share
- ✳ South Thames College
- ✳ Roots and Shoots
- ✳ Enable Leisure and Culture



Share

We invited many guest speakers who up-dated us on their highs and lows so far, regarding the SEND Reforms.

The links for all presentations are on the **Wandsworth Local Offer website** and can be down-loaded from there as a pdf etc. They include:

- ✳ The Journey So Far, Keynote speech – *Rosie Noble and Meagan Leggett*
- ✳ The Education Journey – *John Johnson*
- ✳ Positive Parent Action – *Betsy Clark*
- ✳ Wandsworth CAMHS Transformation Plan 2017-2020 – *John Beckles*
- ✳ The Social Care Journey – *Eric Richardson*
- ✳ Wikis Presentation – *Gillian Bennell*
- ✳ Time to Prepare Booklet – *Carol Payne*

Overall it was a very successful event with over two hundred guests attending!

Everyone enjoyed lunch, which was provided by **Share**. Share offer training and employment support for disabled people, including those with learning disabilities, physical/sensory impairments, autism and mental health needs.

A big thank you to Share for your support.

We have had a busy couple of months!!!

World Autism Awareness Month

We were kindly invited to attend the Wandsworth Autism and SEN Fayre at Tooting Leisure Centre on Tuesday 25th April.

It was great to meet and exchange information with the wide variety of different services and good to meet new parents.

AGM

On 15th May we held our **PPA Annual General Meeting** jointly with Contact a Family. Our venue was the lovely **Kairos Centre** in Roehampton who provided us with lots of tea and coffee and a fantastic two course lunch after the meeting.

KAIROS
Spirituality and Conference Centre

contact a family
for families with disabled children

Contact a Family up-date

Rosie Noble gave everyone an up-date on everything Contact a Family has done and changes to their team over the past year.

PPA up-date

Betsy Clark gave an up-date on PPA's workings through the last year and also what our hopes and goals are for the future.

Wandsworth Advice Information Support

Rina Patel from WAISS gave an up-date on Wandsworth Advice Information Support Service.

We had a good number of guests attend our AGM!

Carers Week

We have been invited to join the **Family Information Service** at Wandsworth's Carers week event at Southside Shopping centre on Tuesday 14th June. Between 11am and 4pm. We will be there to promote ourselves as a service and hand out bags and leaflets to all who come and speak to us. **Please come and say hello!**

World Autism Awareness Month
Autism & SEN Fayre

Wandsworth Specialist Provisions

Carol Payne gave a short presentation on Local Offer and the future changes to Wandsworth Specialist provisions. Carol also explained that some time soon Wandsworth will be inspected by Ofsted regarding the SEND reforms and there will be briefing meetings in the coming months.

Wandsworth Health Services

Tony Parker and Catherine Kane, commissioners from Wandsworth Health Services gave a presentation on joint funding budgets to enable the best possible outcomes for children and young people.

If you would like to receive a download pdf of the presentations from our AGM please email us at:

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